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For : IMAGE HEATING DEVICE

**REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION**

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Sir:

Please find attached a proposed Certificate of Correction.

Please correct the following errors appearing in the printed patent, which are the fault of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, as per the attached Certificate of Correction. Since these errors are the fault of the USPTO, no fee is due.

On the cover of the printed patent, at Item (57), Abstract, "An image heating device according to an embodiment of the present invention includes a heat generator that has an outer surface and that generates heat by induction heating and a heater positioned close to the outer surface of the heat generator, the heater being configured to heat the heat generator by induction heating. A positioner is located close to an end of the heater, the positioner being configured to position the heater with respect to the heat generator. A vibration absorber is attached to the

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positioner and is configured, in one embodiment, to viscoelastically absorb vibration of the heater produced by a vibration caused by an electromagnetic repulsive force acting between the heat generator and the heater when the heater heats the heat generator by induction heating.” should be as follows:

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This appeared correctly on page 2, lines 4-11 of the Response Under 37 C.F.R. 1.111 filed January 17, 2006.

At column 12, line 39 (claim 2, line 6) of the printed patent, after “heater” insert --- , ---. This appeared correctly on page 5, line 6 of the Response Under 37 C.F.R. 1.111 filed January 17, 2006.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that a Certificate of Correction issue in the above-identified patent as follows:

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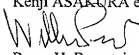
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Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed number.

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